

SENATE RESOLUTION 139

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to salute the Movie and Film Industry, which is being honored by the 81st Annual Carnival Memphis.

WHEREAS, since 1931, Carnival Memphis has promoted commerce in the Mid-South; and

WHEREAS, Carnival's Business and Industry Luncheon has saluted and recognized civic leaders and businesses that help make the community a great place to live; and

WHEREAS, this year's salute commemorates the 81st Anniversary of Carnival Memphis and honors the Movie and Film Industry; and

WHEREAS, the Movie and Film Industry is represented by Michael Lightman, Sr., whose family founded and continues to own and operate Malco Theatres, Inc., the thirteenth largest circuit in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Lightman, Bobby Levy, and Jimmy Tashie of Malco Theaters are, therefore, recipients of this year's Cook Halle Award named for Carnival Memphis's visionary founders, Everett R. Cook and A. Arthur Halle; and

WHEREAS, Bill Courtney is this year's recipient of the King's Award for the Academy Award winning *Undeclared*; and

WHEREAS, Linn Sitler has distinguished herself in many ways including her invaluable service to the community as President of the Memphis and Shelby County Film Commission and is the 2012 recipient of the President's Award; and

WHEREAS, Craig Brewer of Memphis serves on the Tennessee Film, Entertainment and Music Commission and has distinguished himself as a film director, screenwriter and Academy Award winning songwriter, producing award winners including *Hustle & Flow*, *Black*

Snake Moan, and Footloose, and the MTV drama series “\$5 Cover” about Memphis musicians and is, therefore, the recipient of the 2012 Chairman’s Award; and

WHEREAS, the Movie & Film Industry has made invaluable contributions to the community through increased employment opportunities and its promotions of the arts and entertainment, and we would like to join Carnival Memphis in recognizing this esteemed industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join the 81st Annual Carnival Memphis in its salute of the Movie & Film Industry, which has greatly improved the quality of life for the citizens of Memphis, the State of Tennessee, and the entire Mid-South region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.